



Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes 3-10-16

Attendees:

Brian Walker, Mike Mulligan, Ken Wolfgang, Richard Walker, John Ratliff, Luke Pelz, Stephanie Thompson, Ben Howard (City of Beaverton Police Dept. Mt. Bike Team), Visitor.

Brian called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

The minutes of the January meeting were discussed and approved.

The Public Participator Policy was read, as we had a member from the public in attendance.

Council Member

Councilor Lacey Beaty is the new city council BAC representative.

Ben Howard, Beaverton Police Mountain Bike Team

Brian brought up an apparent fatal collision at the intersection of Hall and Greenway where a 29 year old pedestrian ran across the intersection against the light into traffic to catch a TriMet bus and was struck and killed by a small SUV. Safety solutions are sought for this high volume traffic intersection during rush hour for pedestrian/cyclist safety. Moving the bus stop location was discussed. Police information on the accident was requested from Officer Howard to further safety research by the committee on this issue.

Transportation Updates

Luke Pelz reported a consultant has been selected for the Active Transportation Plan; Kettleson Associates.

Capitol Improvement Plan is focusing on sidewalks this year. Brian encouraged BAC Committee members to attend the Transportation training on March 21st.

Update for trails plan has been voted and approved by board.

Reports from other Committees

Nature and Trails Committee; John Ratliff reported that briefings and familiarization was the main purpose so far, how and why is coming up and it might be quarterly or monthly, but it is still not decided yet.

The trail by Nike is being closed.



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Safe Routes To School

Luke Pelz reported dedicated funding is not through yet but should be soon. A way of focusing where users are within a mile of high schools, now in addition to grade schools and including some middle schools like Whitford was discussed. BAC would like to play a role in the inventory of routes. Funding is from several sources including County, federal and gas tax sources, but not much, so the focus will be less on building sidewalks and more on signage and stripes. It was suggested that Lynn Mutrie and Joy attend the BAC meeting next month to provide an update. A champion for biking in schools was suggested.

Planning and Goal setting

Bike Beaverton for 2016 will be the Sunday after Labor Day.

Bike and walk to school day is coming up in May.

Vision Zero, a national plan focusing on ten cities (Portland being one of them) to prevent traffic fatalities was discussed.

Budget approved for bike racks to be placed around the city, to be installed by public works. Input is needed to decide where to put them. There are already shiny new bike racks on Broadway.

Having bike races in Beaverton to encourage community participation was brought up by Stephanie. Having another OBRA criterium like the one around Beaverton Town Square back in the 1980's, or hosting a Cyclocross race, or having a dirt jumping, or a BMX flatland contest at Eichler Park, or a BMX freestyle contest at THPRD skatepark like the B3 (Bikes Blades & Boards) we had back in the 1990's, indoor and/or outdoor BMX races, like the K-Mart BMX track in the 70's.

A Bikeshare program with Nike, similar to what they have with Portland here in Beaverton was discussed.

The phone App. "Ride Report" has already logged data from users on the trail by Fanno Creek.

Brian brought up Bike Boulevard, Share Roads, Active Transportation, all shared roadways between bikes and cars for Beaverton as a future possibility.



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Committee member Anne Lee has withdrawn, leaving an opening. A student member is sought.

A community cycling workshop would be a great community outreach tool.

Our web site needs to be upgraded to show our L.A.B. upgrade from bronze to silver. The Highland Nature Park needs to be included in our effort to upgrade our L.A.B. quest to upgrade from silver to gold status. We will be continuing to upgrade our application for L.A.B. gold. Feedback available online.

Feedback for Bike Beaverton available on Facebook.

Items For Next Agenda

The fatal pedestrian accident on Hall and Greenway. John Ratliff volunteered to park and do research at the intersection. Moving the stop or adding signage was discussed. Committee members can Google Doc ideas for the next agenda.